

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

June 19th, 2016

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of JESUS CHRIST”

(PHILIPPIANS 1:6)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Jacob Caffee - June 23rd, Walter Groover - June 26th

“Beloved, rest in the satisfying and justifying work of our GOD and Saviour, the LORD JESUS; He is our all.”

(ISAIAH 53:11, COLOSSIANS 3:11)

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BELIEVE AND LIVE

The HOLY GHOST brings us to CHRIST, and enters our hearts to remain there always. Without the SPIRIT none can come to JESUS; but when we have come to JESUS, the HOLY GHOST is inside us, there to abide continually and dwell forever, for they who believe have the SPIRIT always, they are sanctified by the SPIRIT, and they are sealed by the SPIRIT. (JOHN 7:39; 14:17; GALATIANS 1:15-16, EPHESIANS 1:13).

We grieve the SPIRIT when we do not recognize, remember, and honor His presence; when we forget that we are actually and always the temple of the HOLY GHOST.

We grieve Him when we speak and act, when we pray and work, when we go about our daily duties in our own wisdom and strength. It grieves Him, whom the FATHER and SON have given us to be our wisdom and our power, that we go on in our own strength, and therefore feebly, haltingly, falling often, frequently exhausted; while the loving SPIRIT is willing to work in us mightily. We grieve Him when we do not rejoice in CHRIST, and in the hope set before us. We grieve Him when we do not set our affections on things above; when we are guilty of covetousness, which is idolatry; when we do not abhor that which is evil, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Let us not grieve the HOLY GHOST, but, yielding to His influence, honoring His presence and rejoicing in His indwelling, let us pray, and live, and walk in the SPIRIT. This is the promise of the FATHER, the great blessing of the New Covenant, the HOLY GHOST is given unto us, that by Him we may rejoice in the love of the FATHER, and in the fullness of JESUS CHRIST.

Now, when GOD has so abundantly blessed us and so highly exalted us, as the Church, the Body of CHRIST; when He has given unto us His Word, and when He has, through JESUS, sent His SPIRIT into our hearts, will you not enter, with all earnestness and energy, into the plan and purpose of GOD, giving yourselves anew unto Him and then unto the Church, and the ministry and work of the gospel? Will you not realize your membership, and live in the atmosphere of brotherly love, and share in the prayers, the labors, the sorrows, and the joys of the congregation? Love, unity, fellowship—behold, this is the principle throughout all the dominions of GOD. *From the glorious and eternal mystery of the Blessed Trinity, concord and co-operation go forth and the divine method in the whole realm of light and life.*

Often I think, that we ought to be free and strong to do great things. For our past is forgiven; our future is secured. Sins of the past, though still remembered with shame and contrition, are no longer felt as a burden or a separation between GOD and us; errors and wanderings; though still remembered with humility, have been overruled by GOD's merciful and omnipotent wisdom, and been made the occasion of good. The past therefore does not burden us. And the future is likewise without anxiety. For while we are here GOD's counsel leads us, and even beyond death He guides us, and the end is glory everlasting. When the past is forgiven, and the future secured, with what energy and joyousness ought we to devote ourselves to the present? Free from anxiety and lighthearted as the birds of the air; strong, elastic, joyous; without a cloud to obscure, and a weight to impede, we ought to live and work in the present. "Today and Eternity!" is the motto of a Christian. Glorify GOD in your daily life. Work for Him, and as a congregation let us not postpone, loiter, linger; let us not compare ourselves either with the past or with others; let us forget all things, but the present Lord and the present work. Follow CHRIST, and in love and unity serve the ONE MASTER.

If my words are read by one who has not received the Savior in his heart, let me remind him, that in the Christians, whom he knows, in the saints, with whom he meets, in the minister, from whose lips he hears the word of truth; JESUS Himself is near him. JESUS Himself by us saith unto you: "*Come and welcome, for in Me is pardon and renewal for the chief of sinners. Come and welcome, for in Me is rest and strength for the weary and heavy laden. Here is Immanuel, the Savior is with us and among us. Believe and live.*"

ADOLPH SAPHIR (1831—1891), 'MISSIONARY TO THE JEWS'

DON'T SETTLE FOR AVERAGE

...BY GRACE YE ARE SAVED... (EPHESIANS 2:8-10)

Salvation is by grace! We do not believe for a moment that Christians will be given different rewards in heaven according to their obedience here on earth. Such teaching is contrary to salvation by grace! The reason preachers teach this corrupt doctrine is they fear the teaching of salvation being all by GOD's grace does not provide sufficient motivation for obedience. It may not for a goat, but it does for a sheep! All of GOD's sheep love CHRIST, and want to please Him because they love Him! They have an ambition to glorify Him!

Child of GOD, don't settle for average! By the grace of GOD, seek to be the best believer you can be in every area. If GOD's grace in CHRIST does not motivate us to obedience and greater commitment, we have not understood His grace at all.

PASTOR **TODD NIBERT**

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“Beloved, it is not by our wisdom that we believe, nor by our merit that we receive grace, nor by our power that we stand, but by His grace.”

(ROMANS 3:24, EPHESIANS 2:8)

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VITALLY JOINED

...THAT BELIEVETH ON THE SON HATH EVERLASTING LIFE...

Spiritual life and faith are two distinct things, yet they are so vitally joined together that neither exists alone. Where there is spiritual life, there is faith in CHRIST; and where there is faith in CHRIST, there is spiritual life. In a newborn infant, if GOD gives physical life, it breathes; if life is absent, it does not. Breathing is an evidence that life is present; but also, life cannot exist without breathing. It is even so spiritually. GOD gives life; the evidence is faith in CHRIST. No faith in CHRIST, no life! The question we should ask ourselves is not do we have life? But, do we believe on CHRIST?

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of GOD abideth on him.” (JOHN 3:36)

PASTOR **CHARLES PENNINGTON**